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REF A) STATE 094671, B) TEL AVIV 4835, C) USUN 1404

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS REF A, I CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARY MORNING APRIL 13 IMMEDIATELY PRIOR HIS DAILY AUDIENCE WITH SHAH. I RAN THROUGH THE GIST OF REF A AND DREW ON INFORMATION CONTAINED REFS B AND C TO STRESS URGENCY OF UNIFIL TROOP SITUATION, ESPECIALLY AS IT RELATED TO POTENTIAL UNSC CONDEMNATION OF ISRAEL WITH CONSEQUENT ADVERSE EFFECTS UPON SPECIAL UNGA FOR FINANCING UNIFIL.

2. KHALATBARY SAID SHAH HAD ALREADY AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO SEND "SOME MORE TROOPS" TO UNIFIL IF IRAN MILITARY AGREES THAT IT CAN FURNISH, EQUIP, TRANSPORT, AND SUPPORT THEM. HOW MANY IRAN CAN SEND WILL BE A DECISION HE WILL LEAVE TO THE JUDGEMENT OF HIS SUPREME COMMANDER'S STAFF. HE HAD THEREFORE INSTRUCTED KHALATBARY TO CONSULT WITH CHIEF OF STAFF AZHARI BEFORE ANSWERING WALDHEIM.

3. AZHARI WILL RETURN FROM THE UNITED STATES EVENING APRIL 14 AND KHALATBARY HAS MEETING WITH HIM MORNING APRIL 15. HE UNDERTOOK TO INFORM ME OF RESULTS THAT MEETING

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AS SOON AS IT IS CONCLUDED. (I AM DINING WITH AZHARI EVENING APRIL 15 IN ANY EVENT.)

4. KHALATBARY SAID THAT QUESTION OF GETTING FROM ISRAEL ASSURANCES ON DATE CERTAIN FOR WITHDRAWAL HAD NOT RPT NOT BEEN AN ELEMENT IN IRAN'S CONSIDERATION OF WALDHEIM REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL IRANIAN TROOPS. HOWEVER, IN VIEW RELATIONSHIP

OF THIS ISSUE TO UNGA MEETING ON FINANCING (WHICH IRAN WILL CHAIR) HE WOULD DISCUSS WITH SHAH THE UTILITY OF MAKING THIS POINT BOTH WITH WALDHEIM AND THE ISRAELIS. HE APPRECIATED U.S. WILLINGNESS (PARA 6 REFTTEL) TO PRESS ISRAELIS ON THIS SUBJECT.

5. WITH RESPECT FINANCING, KHALATBARY ASKED FOR U.S. ASSESSMENT OF POSITION WHICH SOVIET BLOC CAN BE EXPECTED TO TAKE RE APPLICABILITY OF ARTICLE 17. HE NOTED THAT SOVIETS, IN SECURITY COUNCIL, HAD EXPRESSED NEGATIVE VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT. HE THOUGHT THEIR ABSTENTION IN UNSC VOTE ON RES 425 OFFERED SOME AMBIGUITY, HOWEVER. HE HOPED SECRETARY VANCE WOULD ADDRESS QUESTION IN MOSCOW, SINCE HE FELT A SOVIET REFUSAL TO BE ASSESSED FOR UNIFIL WOULD BE NOT ONLY UNFAIR, BUT WRONG.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE PRIOR APRIL 15 BEST U.S. ASSESSMENT OF SOVIET POSITION ON FINANCING IF UNSC DOES NOT RPT NOT CONDEMN ISRAEL AND IF DATE CERTAIN IN APRIL FOR WITHDRAWAL HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED FROM JERUSALEM.

7. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT PASS TO BEIRUT, JERUSALEM AND TEL AVIV.
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